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Secretary of State for
External Affairs

June 30, 1966.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to thank you for your note of June 30, referring to the discussions between the representatives of the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the Government of Canada on consular matters and to confirm the agreement reached on the following points:

1. The Bulgarian and Canadian authorities will give benevolent consideration on humanitarian grounds to applications by persons admissible respectively to Canada or Bulgaria who wish to emigrate in order to join members of their families in the other country.

2. The Bulgarian authorities, when considering in accordance with their laws an application for release from Bulgarian citizenship of a person who has acquired Canadian citizenship by naturalization, will take into account as a circumstance worthy of special consideration the fact that the applicant is a dual national normally resident in Canada. The Canadian authorities will accord complete reciprocity in corresponding cases.

3. A dual national (whether by birth or naturalization) of Bulgaria and Canada who visits Bulgaria on a Canadian passport furnished with a Bulgarian visa or who visits Canada on a Bulgarian passport furnished with a Canadian visa will not be denied permission to leave Bulgaria or Canada, respectively, on the ground that he possesses the citizenship of the country visited.

4. The Bulgarian and Canadian authorities will give sympathetic consideration to requests for permission to depart from Bulgaria or Canada respectively received from dual nationals of Bulgaria and Canada (either born in Canada or naturalized in Canada) who have previously been residing permanently in either country and wish to transfer residence to the other.

5. The authorities of Bulgaria and Canada, in accordance with their respective laws, will give sympathetic consideration to any request by the authorized representative of the other for consular access to any citizen of Canada or Bulgaria who is detained or arrested in the other country.

6. The Bulgarian authorities will return to the Canadian authorities all Canadian passports held by or surrendered to the Bulgarian authorities. In like manner the Canadian authorities will return to the Bulgarian authorities all Bulgarian passports held by or surrendered to the Canadian authorities.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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